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AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

[0033]

Please replace paragraph [0035] with the following amended paragraph:

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[0033]

[0035] The decision of where to store received emails is not just made when ~~they~~ the emails are received. As the system modifies its criteria based on new information observed from the user's behavior or other data it can re-classify email already received and possibly relocate the emails to the newly-appropriate directory or otherwise prompt the user to reconsider items of received email. Hence, new variables can be introduced to the classification algorithm as new considerations as determined to be relevant. Additional classification criteria may be obtained by allowing the user to adjust the level of spaminess that is required for placement of emails in say the gray or black folders. That allows for more detailed control for a user who wants to have a say in the risk involved in deleting spammy ~~email~~ emails without looking.

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Amendments to the Specification:

[0030]

Please replace paragraph **[0032]** with the following amended paragraph:

[0032] FIG. 3, shows a screen shot showing a plurality of email directories (or folder) according to an embodiment of the invention. Under the 3MGFilter directory are found the grey, black, voted spam, and pre-inbox folders. According to the embodiment illustrated in FIG. 3, email whose spaminess (content of spam-like characteristics) has been determined by the mail server to be so high that the probability of it being non-spam (white mail) is almost zero is placed in the black folder. The directory labeled gray contains email that is strongly suspected of being spam but there is a definite chance that it is not spam. The user may choose to delete spam in the black directory with little or no inspection. However, it is preferred that the user inspect the email in the gray folder before deleting any of the mail therein. Moreover some email may be placed in more than one directory such as the inbox (white) directory and the gray directory. The email placed in more than one directory is that which contain characteristics that place it in two categories or in an overlapping range. Preferably, the email placed in more than one directory would include a visual indication to the user that the email is contained in more than one directory and possibly prompting the user to take some action such as voting on its spaminess. The system is preferably a smart system that uses the user's votes throughout the network as a factor in determining the spaminess scores of other email. Thus, the system is adaptive to new information acquired from handling email in the directories.

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